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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) will take place. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, March 11, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; Thursday, March 12, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Hyatt Regency - Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Bowling or DACOWITS Staff at 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 04J25-01, Alexandria, Virginia 22350-9000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and Section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to receive briefings and updates relating to their current work. Four new members will be introduced and sworn in on the first day of the meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will give a status update on the Committee's requests for information. The Committee will receive briefings on increasing female accessions and an update on enlisted women in submarines. Additionally, the Committee will receive briefings on DoD childcare programs and initiatives, and the impacts of state and federal laws on military families. There will also be a public comment period.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the point of contact listed at the address in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2015. If a written statement is not received by Monday, March 9, 2015, prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services until its next open meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Chair and ensure they are provided to the members of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. If members of the public are interested in making an oral statement, a written statement should be submitted. After reviewing the written comments, the Chair and the Designated Federal Officer will determine who of the requesting persons will be able to make an oral presentation of their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140(d), determination of who will be making an oral presentation is at the sole discretion of the Committee Chair and the Designated Federal Officer and will depend

on time available and if the topics are relevant to the Committee's activities. Two minutes will be allotted to persons desiring to make an oral presentation. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in front of the full Committee. The number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, this meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

Meeting agenda:

Wednesday, March 11, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

- Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
- Swearing In of New Committee Members
- Briefing – Request for Information Status Update
- Briefing – Increasing Female Accessions
- Briefing – Enlisted Women in Submarines Update

Thursday, March 12, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

- Welcome and Announcements
- Briefing – DoD Childcare Programs and Initiatives Overview
- Briefing – State and Federal Laws: Impacts to Military Families
- Public Comment Period

Dated: February 18, 2015.

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